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### COMMENT OF THE DAY

#### Parliament, 1955

FOR the parliament of Britain, 1955 has ended on an exciting note. First there was the sudden resignation of the leader of the opposition and his replacement by Mr. Hugh Gaitskell; then the Prime Minister's wholesale government changes from Cabinet level down to under-secretaries. These two events have lent drama to an otherwise uneventful year of parliamentary activity.

The year was more occupied with finance and the economic state of the nation than the Conservative government might reasonably have expected. The most important effects were an increase in facilities for education and improved pensions and social services, and on the other side of the picture, measures to curb inflationary spending.

The figures speak for themselves. Expenditure on education is up by £25 million, health services are costing £32 million more than a year, and the new pensions bill has been increased by £3 million. Under increased rates announced recently, a married couple depending on National Assistance will in the New Year receive £3-7-0 a week, plus the rent they pay for their house. Which is but further proof that for the people of Britain, the welfare state has come to stay.

Yet another major development during 1955 has been the government's expanded road programme, and equally significant is the British Transport Commission's railway modernisation plan which is to go ahead despite the government's policy of limited austerity.

This year ends with a good deal of domestic political controversy over the reasons for, and more particularly the effects of, the supplementary budget. The government's case is clear enough: the new budget is designed to restore confidence in the pound sterling, to improve the country's trading position, and to deal with inflationary tendencies. On all three scores reasonable success can be claimed.

At the year's end the main danger is still seen to be inflation. Production is quite high. Unemployment is exceptionally low. Gold and dollar reserve figures, and balance of trade statistics, show the international situation to be acceptable, given that confidence is not diminished by evidence of inflationary tendencies. It was to cater for that contingency which induced Mr. Butler to try and squeeze the inflation out of the economy.

Such a situation, successful though the government may be in handling it, obviously gives scope for a parliamentary opposition to attack the government's methods. And the Labour Party under its new leadership would be falling in its parliamentary duty if it was not lively in looking for and seizing opportunities of criticism. It should all make for an interesting and important parliamentary New Year.

## He Abolished Christmas

It is a strange story—one of the strangest stories of British history—of the man who abolished Christmas. In the Christmas Eve China Mail tomorrow Felix Barker, tells of the man and his puritan ideals who enforced this order in the Kingdom of long ago.

This is only one of the many highlights in tomorrow's Mail. Watch out also for these:

★ Monica Dehn reports from Jerusalem on the Pilgrimage to Bethlehem.

★ Les Armour writes on David Marshall, Singapore's Chief Minister.

★ Doctors find a new pill to let girls.

There are all sorts of other interesting and well-written news stories, features, and comment in tomorrow's China Mail. Watch out for them all.

# RECOGNISE PEKING POLICY URGED

## Appeal To US To Give The Lead

Ottawa, Dec. 22.

Mr. Lester Pearson, the Canadian External Affairs Minister, has called for a common policy which recognises "the fact" that a Communist government controls the mainland of China.

In a signed article due to appear in next week's issue of Look magazine, Mr. Pearson said he would like to see the United States give the free world a strong lead in a common diplomatic policy based on "the fact" and other considerations.

Mr. Pearson said: "We should recognise the fact that the Peking government and not Chiang Kai-shek is in control of continental China and it is likely to remain so: that there are basic problems to be settled in the Far East which cannot be settled without the participation of that government."

"We can negotiate with Peking when necessary and desirable without implying approval of that regime or without weakening our opposition to Communism."

He said there was not enough evidence that the West was prepared to cope with "the new phase of the cold war called competitive co-existence."

"I believe that the next few years are as perilous for the West as any since the onset of the cold war."

"THERE ARE THINGS  
TO BE DONE"

"I do not mean that a hot war has become more imminent. On the contrary, I do mean, however, that there are things to do and the sooner we do them the better."

Mr. Pearson said no one seriously expected Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek to return to the Chinese mainland. "Yet we seem to support his ambitions."

Especially on Quemoy and Matsu (the Nationalist-held offshore islands), a situation is perpetuated that could conceivably develop into a war.

"Are any of us really willing to go to war to help repel an attack on these offshore islands?" he asked.

Referring to the North Atlantic Alliance, he said the West should remember there was a political as well as military function of NATO—"which too

many people still think is some kind of breakfast food."

"It should serve, as it has begun to serve, as a forum for co-ordinating the policies of all of its member nations and for increasing co-operation between them."

He suggested urging the Russians to join in concrete international programmes of technical aid to under-developed Asian and African countries.

Mr. Pearson said policy on West Germany should be kept under continuous examination and the West "must also be more effective in exposing the falsity of Moscow's insistence that if only the Germans rejected NATO, free elections for unification could take place."

The West should also encourage Western visits of Soviet citizens "who were 'physically ignorant' of life in the West."

The Geneva "summit" conference appeared to assume that neither side would resort to nuclear war as an instrument of foreign policy he said.

"So let us take advantage of this opportunity to utilise all of our political and diplomatic skill and creativity now that we are in a position to get out of the trenches."—Reuter.

Senator Kefauver, who is campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination in a prepared speech for a luncheon here, said he had returned from his recent tour of Asia "convinced first that the fate of the world rests in large measure in the still feeble hands of Asia's depressed and hungry masses."

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"Above all," he said, "we in the United States must completely disassociate ourselves from the old colonialism in Asia."



LESTER PEARSON

### Second Train Smash

## ONE KILLED, 50 INJURED

Luton, Dec. 22.

One person was killed and six others injured when an express train crashed into the rear of another train standing in the Luton station tonight.

The express was travelling from London to Derby. Three coaches of the other train—a slow one from London to Leicester—were derailed.

Later figures gave about 50 injured, some seriously.

It was the second "home-for-Christmas" accident on British Railways today.

The other crash took place early today at Hellingfield in Yorkshire when two mainline London to Scotland expresses collided, one running into the back of the other—also at a station.

Only a guard was injured.—Reuter.

## US Backs Down, Loses Prestige Says Kefauver

Norfolk, Virginia, Dec. 22.

Senator Estes Kefauver (Democrat, Tennessee) said today the United States had "backed down on the issue of colonialism" in Asia and, as a result, had lost prestige there.

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He said freedom-seeking Asians have long held the American idea before themselves for encouragement in their struggle for independence but "when our ideals were tempered with expediency, Asia began to doubt us."

The Asians "look heart and welcomed us again as brothers" when this country favoured Indian independence.

"In more recent years we have backed down on the issue of colonialism and we have lost prestige in Asia wherever we did so."

Mr. Kefauver said he had been "deeply shocked" by the news that the United States had "backed down" on the issue of colonialism in Asia.

He said the United States had "lost prestige" in Asia as a result of its "backing down" on the issue of colonialism.

## Five Days' Ordeal In Snowbound Wilderness

Washington, Dec. 22.

An Army paratrooper, missing for five days in the rugged Cascade mountain country, walked out of the wilderness late today.

Sgt. J. H. Horan walked into the Rustic Inn on US highway 10, exhausted, suffering from frostbitten feet.

"I'm glad I finally found my way here," he said.

Horan, according to Sheriff's deputies, was almost incoherent after his ordeal, but he related to officers how he survived the subzero temperatures in the region.

### A LUCKY FIND

"I landed at a place that looked like a resort," he told a deputy. "There were cabins around and I broke into one of them. I found food there and it was a place to stay."

The deputies said the place where Horan landed was near Kachess Lake, about four miles off the highway from Rustic Inn, which is 15 miles east of Eason, Washington.

Sheriff's deputies said Horan, who was given food and put to bed at the Inn, told them he found the cabin on Monday morning after he had spent Sunday night in the snow-covered area, trying to find a road.

He stayed in the cabin on Monday and Monday night, and started walking again—United Press.

## PORTUGAL TAKES ACTION

Lisbon, Dec. 22.

Portugal today instituted proceedings against India at the International Court of The Hague over the acquisition by India of the Portuguese territories of Dadra and Nagar-Aveli on the West coast of India. It was announced here.

The announcement was made by the Portuguese Foreign Minister, Dr. Paulo Cunha, at a press conference here today.

Dr. Cunha said that Portugal had never recognised the position created by the Indian occupation of the two territories in July, 1954.

India had successively refused different Portuguese proposals, said Dr. Cunha, the first of which demanded free passage to Portuguese forces in order to restore order and Portuguese sovereignty in the enclaves; the second was limited to a request to a right of passage for civilian officials.—France-Press.

## IMMINENT ARREST OF DR JOHN REPORTED

Bonn, Dec. 22.

An arrest warrant has been issued against Dr. Otto John, former West German intelligence chief who went to East Germany last year, and returned to West Germany last week, according to Stuttgart radio.

No official confirmation could be obtained immediately of the radio report which said that Dr. John's arrest would be officially announced tomorrow.

The radio said he had been arrested on suspicion of having committed treason, and because he might try to flee or interfere with judicial investigation.

Dr. John returned to the West on December 13 after 17 months in Communist East Germany. A month after he went East he told a press conference that he had supporters were "again gaining the upper hand in West Germany."

The West German government had made no statement on Dr. John's arrest, December 13, when it issued a one-sentence announcement of his return from East Germany.

Since then, a number of questions were asked, with the remark that Dr. John was in progress and that the government was investigating.

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### A Gift From The Queen



Excitedly clustering round the tree inside historic St Paul's Cathedral are boys of St Paul's Choir School. A Christmas tree is exciting enough in itself, but this one is something special—a gift to the Cathedral from Queen Elizabeth—London Express.

## On Watch For Turkey Thieves

London, Dec. 22.

Plainclothes detectives, mingling here with crowds in Smithfield meat market, are keeping an eye on turkey thieves thought to be dressed as bags porters.

The gangs have robbed dealers of thousands of pounds worth of birds already.

The big demand this week has been for legs of pork as an alternative to the traditional Christmas dinner. Turkey prices are ranging between 5/6 and 7/- a pound.

Biggest pre-Christmas slump in the sale of music, which hung from the ceiling used to be the excuse to kiss the pretty girl inadvertently—or intentionally—standing underneath.

This year's price, about 5/- a crate—only a third of last year's price—is so low it no longer pays to import it from France.

Unwanted dogs, however, are in for a bumper time at Tunbridge Wells, Kent. An anonymous woman there has offered "a slap up Christmas dinner" for every stray animal in the local RSPCA centre.—China Mail Special.

## Festive Parties Banned

Nicosia, Dec. 22.

British commissioners of all Cyprus administrative districts were told today to inform the proprietors of all hotels, clubs and restaurants throughout the troubled island not to hold special Christmas or New Year parties this year.

The move is understood to be among precautionary measures being imposed by the authorities over the festive season to guard against the possibility of a "Christmas offensive" by terrorists backing Greek Cypriot demands for union with Greece.—China Mail Special.

## 17 Die In Fire

Chongqing, Dec. 22.

Seven children of the morning (night) school and a teacher, 17 in all, were killed in a fire at the school in Chongqing today.

The fire broke out in the school building at about 10 p.m. and spread rapidly, burning for about 10 minutes before being extinguished.

The fire was caused by a faulty electric wire, it was reported.

## EXPULSION ISRAEL DEMAND

### UN RESOLUTION BY SYRIA

United Nations,  
Dec. 22.

Syria tonight asked the Security Council to expel Israel from the United Nations and called for economic sanctions against her.

The Syrian delegate's resolution said that Israel had persistently violated the principles of the United Nations charter.

The resolution was put forward at a special meeting of the Security Council called under the chairmanship of Sir Leslie Munro (New Zealand) to examine the Israeli attack on Syria in the Sea of Galilee on December 11.

Before the Syrian resolution can be put to the vote, it must be moved by a member of the Security Council.

### "AGGRESSION"

The Syrian resolution calls on the Security Council "to brand Israel's attack as an act of aggression," according to the definition of the United Nations charter.

The Israeli delegate, Mr. Abba Eban, said Syria was trying to appropriate the "Lake of Tiberias (Sea of Galilee) which became Israeli territory under the armistice agreement. He quoted Syrian military directives indicating that Syria considers Lake Tiberias as Syrian territorial waters.

Mr. Eban expressed the hope that the Council would vote a resolution calling on Syria not to hinder Israeli activities on the Lake or its shores, and forbidding Syria illegally to control a portion of the territory granted to Israel under the armistice.

### LONG ADJOURNMENT

After both sides had been heard, the Chairman, Sir Leslie Munro, suggested a long adjournment of the Council for a study of the documents deposited.

He said he hoped that calm would reign in Palestine during Christmas and the New Year holidays.

The next meeting of the Council will be fixed by the Chairman after consultations with the Council members concerned.—France-Press.

## "Mother Christmas"

Paris, Dec. 22.

A big Paris store has helped the march of feminism by presenting this year a blonde "Mother Christmas."

Dressed in a star-decked white coat, she does not distribute toys like the traditional Father Christmas. She simply "writes" in the air with a wand the names of children to be rewarded by Father Christmas from his sack of toys.—China Mail Special.

## Give du Maurier ...the best tip for Christmas



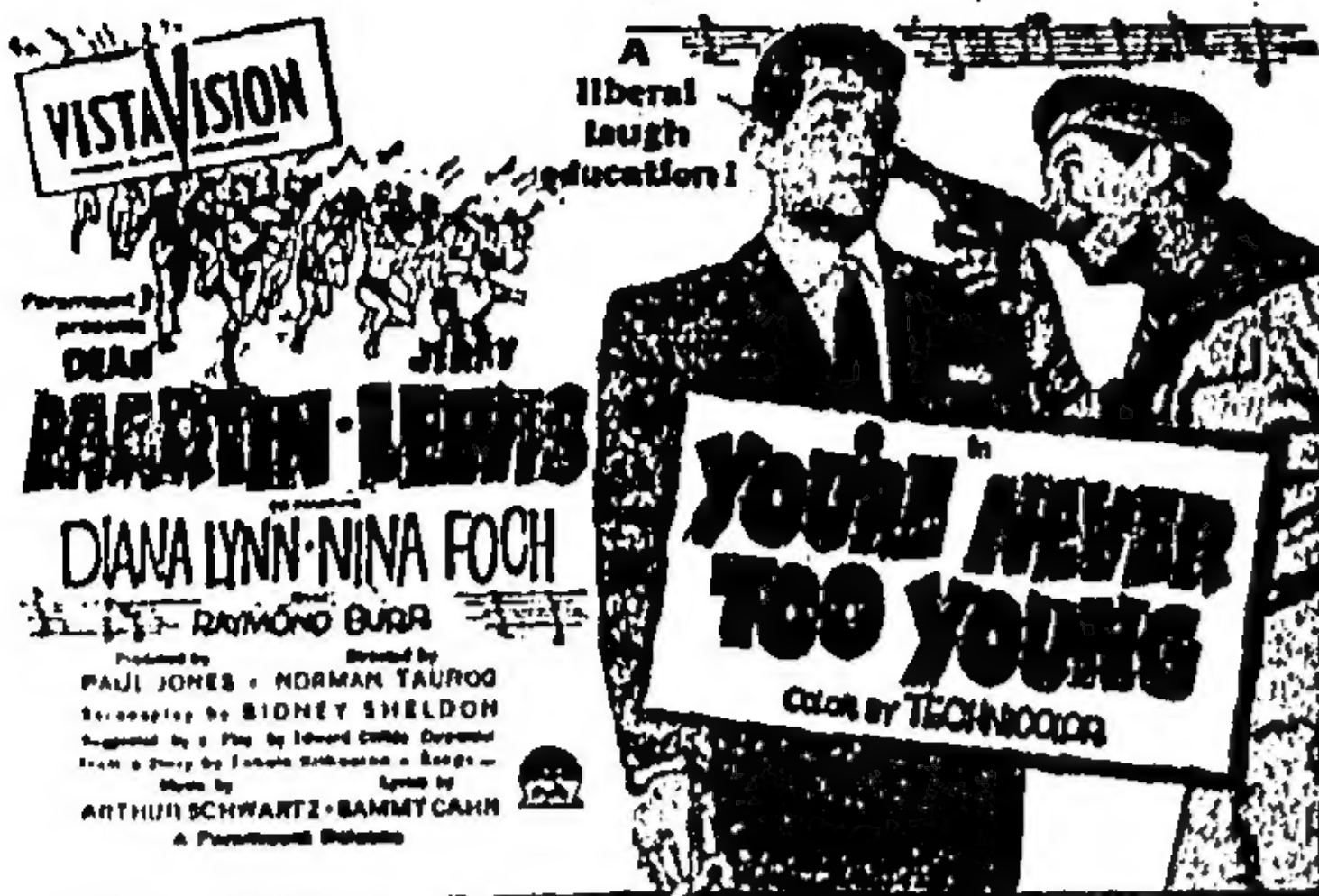
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# ISRAEL COMPLAINS ABOUT GEN. BURNS' REPORT

Jerusalem, Dec. 22.

The Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr Moshe Sharett, tonight replied to the report which the United Nations truce observer in Palestine Major-General Edson Burns, has submitted to the Security Council on the Israeli attack on Syrian troops in the Sea of Galilee area on December 11.

## UN Members Regrouping

New York, Dec. 22.

MEMBERS of the United Nations are regrouping, its Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, told a press conference to-day.

This was one of the emerging signs of the world body's "state of flux" and was a step towards maturity because it was an approach to the parliamentary type of system, he said.

Mr Hammarskjöld said he thought the 10 new members, who have just been elected, would sharpen this trend.

### Next Assembly

The next Assembly might start in November after America's presidential elections, he said.

Mr Hammarskjöld suggested that in the next Assembly delegates should show "greater responsibility" in planning their speeches with perhaps one member speaking for a group instead of each speaking individually.

He also suggested better "screening" for the agenda saying some questions had been postponed this year without harm.—Reuter.

Mr Sharett complained that General Burns made no reference to various facts proving Israel's rights in the area, nor to the grave nature of Syrian attacks on Israeli fishermen in the Sea of Galilee since the start of the winter fishing season.

The Israeli Foreign Minister claimed that Syria attacked on October 17, December 1 and December 10, in spite of a ruling by the truce commission, giving Israel fishing rights in the specified area.

### Detailed Account

Israel is to send to the Security Council a detailed account of the incidents, Mr Sharett said in order to correct the possible impression on the Burns report.

Israel will ask why Syria has refused to explain to the truce commission the detention of four Israeli soldiers in Syria since December 8, 1954.

The Israeli report will reflect Israel's anxiety to bring the whole picture of her relations with Syria before the United Nations and not merely recent incidents.—France-Press.

## Chess Set Caricature

Wellington, Dec. 22. A civil servant, Mr R. Waitman, has made a chess set in which the king is a caricature of the Prime Minister, Mr Sidney Holland, and the other pieces are members of his cabinet.

The Queen is Mrs Hilda Ross, Minister for Welfare of Women and Children.

Now Mr Waitman is to make a set of the Parliamentary Opposition with the help of a well-known political cartoonist.—China Mail Special.

# Pakistan Supports Marshall's Bid For Dominion Status

Karachi, Dec. 22.

Singapore Chief Minister David Marshall said here today that he had been assured of Pakistan's support in the British colony of Singapore's bid for Dominion status.

## MORRISON TO LEAD MIDDLE EAST MISSION



London, Dec. 22. Mr Herbert Morrison, former deputy leader of the British Labour Party, is leading a small group of Labour Party members on a fact-finding mission to the Middle East during the parliamentary Christmas recess.

They expect to leave early in the new year and will be away about a fortnight to three weeks. They will visit Jordan and Israel to see at first hand some of the causes of the present tension in the area.—Reuter.

## HIS MUSIC FELL FLAT

Melbourne, Dec. 22. A musician in an army band, whose cornet hit the floor while he was playing a tricky passage, was charged at a court martial with "throwing to the floor one band instrument, to wit, one cornet B flat, thereby causing damage to the said instrument and loss to the Commonwealth of Australia. His defence: "I dropped it." The penalty: £5 and costs.—China Mail Special.

Mr Marshall, who left here for home tonight after a two-day official visit, added, however, that Pakistan believed it would be preferable if Singapore and the Federation of Malaya arrived at Dominion status as a single constitutional unit.

"I am heartily in agreement with this idea," Mr Marshall said. Mr Marshall, who was speaking to journalists, added that his talks with Pakistani Premier, Mr Choudhry Mohammed Ali, were "most friendly" and that he had found his host "completely understanding."

### Communique

The Pakistani Government issued the following communique on Mr Marshall's departure.

"Pakistani Premier Choudhry Mohammed Ali expressed sympathy for the aspiration of the people of Singapore, and considered them to be perfectly natural."

"He has confidence that it will be possible to solve the peculiar problems of Singapore without in any way hindering the natural desires of the people of Singapore for freedom and a fuller life. He wishes them God-speed." — France-Press.

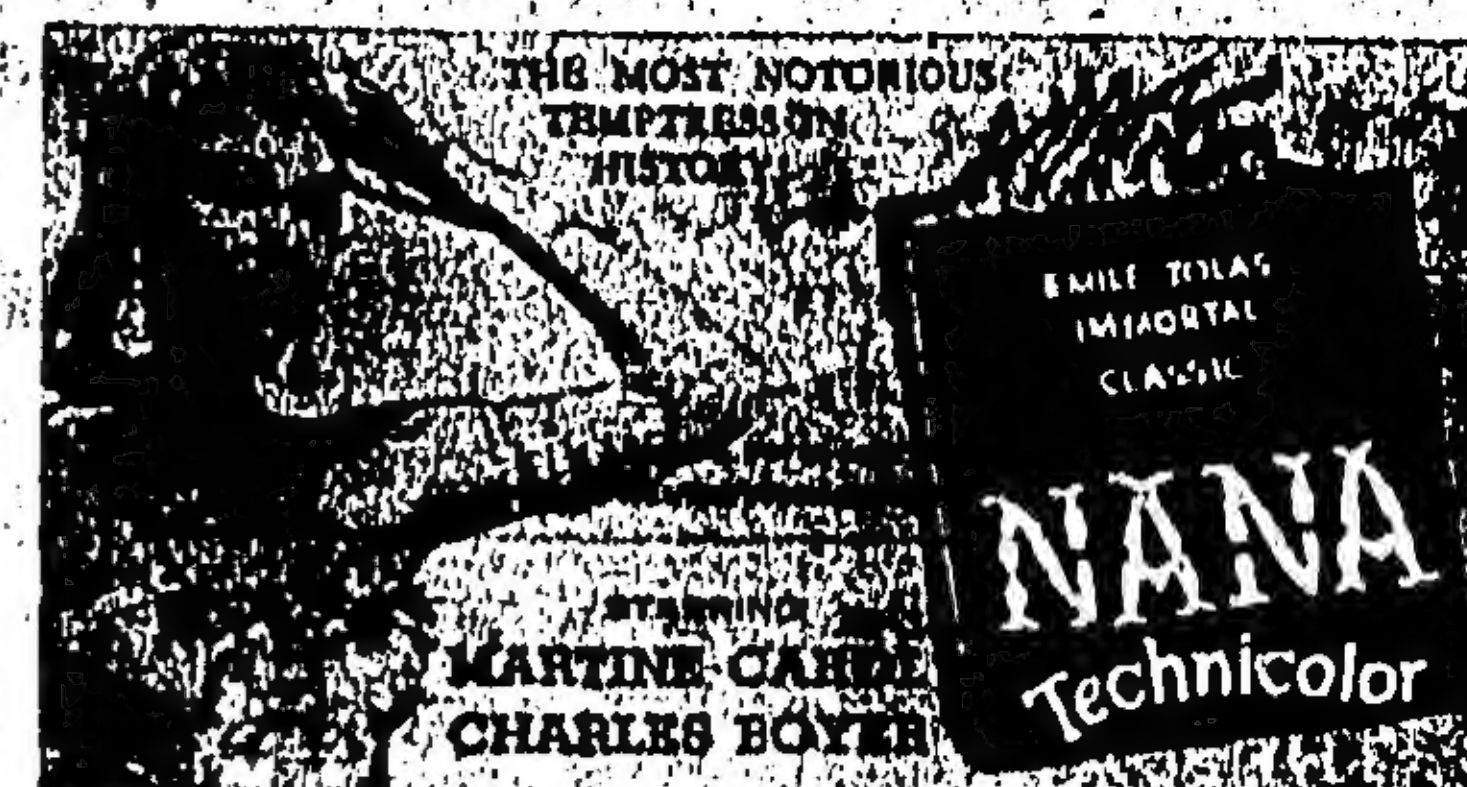
## European Coal & Steel Pool Talks

London, Dec. 23. M. René Mayer, President of the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community, will visit Washington in February at the invitation of Mr John Foster Dulles for talks on progress made by the Community so far.

An announcement by the Coal and Steel Community today said that M. Mayer would arrive in Washington on February 6.

The talks with Mr Dulles and other members of the United States Government will be attended by Mr Walton Butterworth, head of the headquarters of the Coal and Steel Community.

The Community's announcement said the talks would cover "the significance of results achieved by the High Authority during the past three years in establishing and administering the common market for coal and steel" in the six-member pool—France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg.—Reuter.



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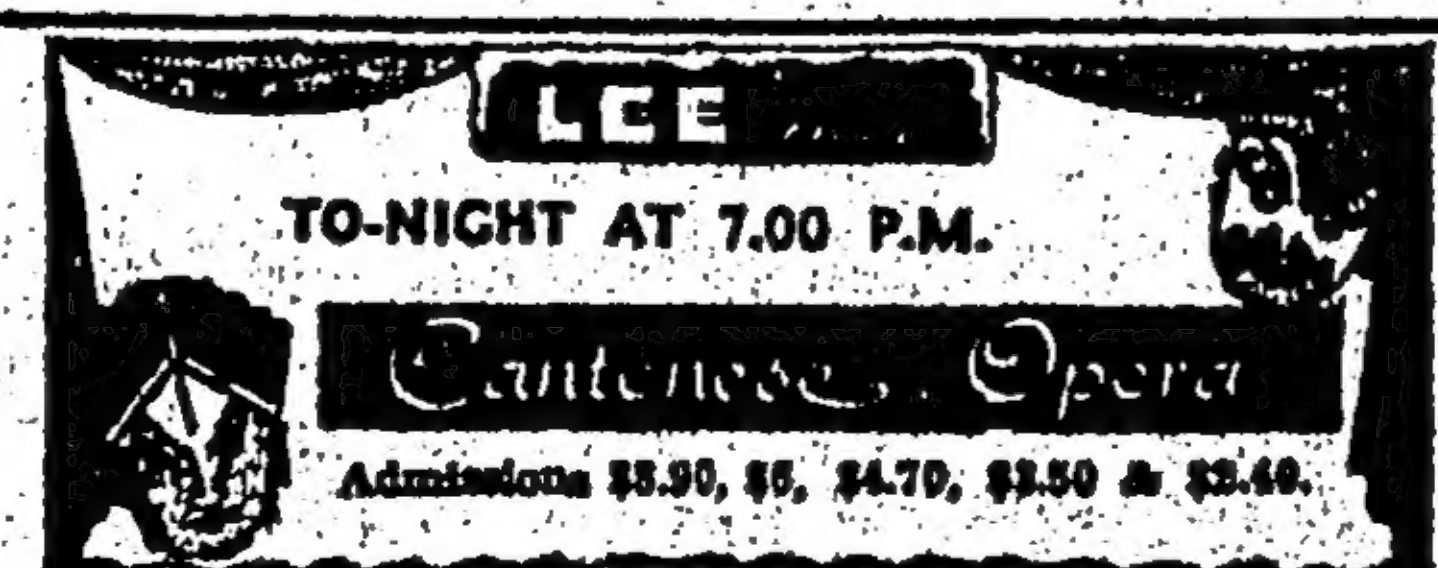
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# New Trouble Anticipated In Algeria

## New Role Planned For USS Kentucky

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 22.—The uncompleted battleship Kentucky will probably be the United States Navy's first floating platform for a medium range ballistic missile, the Norfolk Virginian Pilot said today.

The newspaper said this fact had been confirmed by the Navy Under-Secretary, Mr. Thomas S. Gates, Jr., who also was quoted as saying a newly designed light cruiser would be the world's first atomic powered surface vessel. — China Mail Special.

## Dutch Refuse To Budge Over West N. Guinea

The Hague, Dec. 22.—Mr. Joseph Luns, Minister for Indonesian affairs, and head of the Netherlands delegation at the present Indonesian-Netherlands talks at Geneva, said today the sovereignty of the Netherlands over West New Guinea was "indisputable." He declared "we will not budge an inch from this position."

Mr. Luns was speaking in the Second Chamber of the Netherlands Parliament in the face of Parliamentary criticism of the talks.

He said the Netherlands could not have refused the Indonesian request for the talks, since the aim of the Netherlands foreign policy was to establish good relations between the two countries.

Mr. Luns said the Netherlands Government had no complaint "in principle" against the choice of Geneva for the talks. The change from The Hague had been made at an Indonesian request, he added. — France-Press.

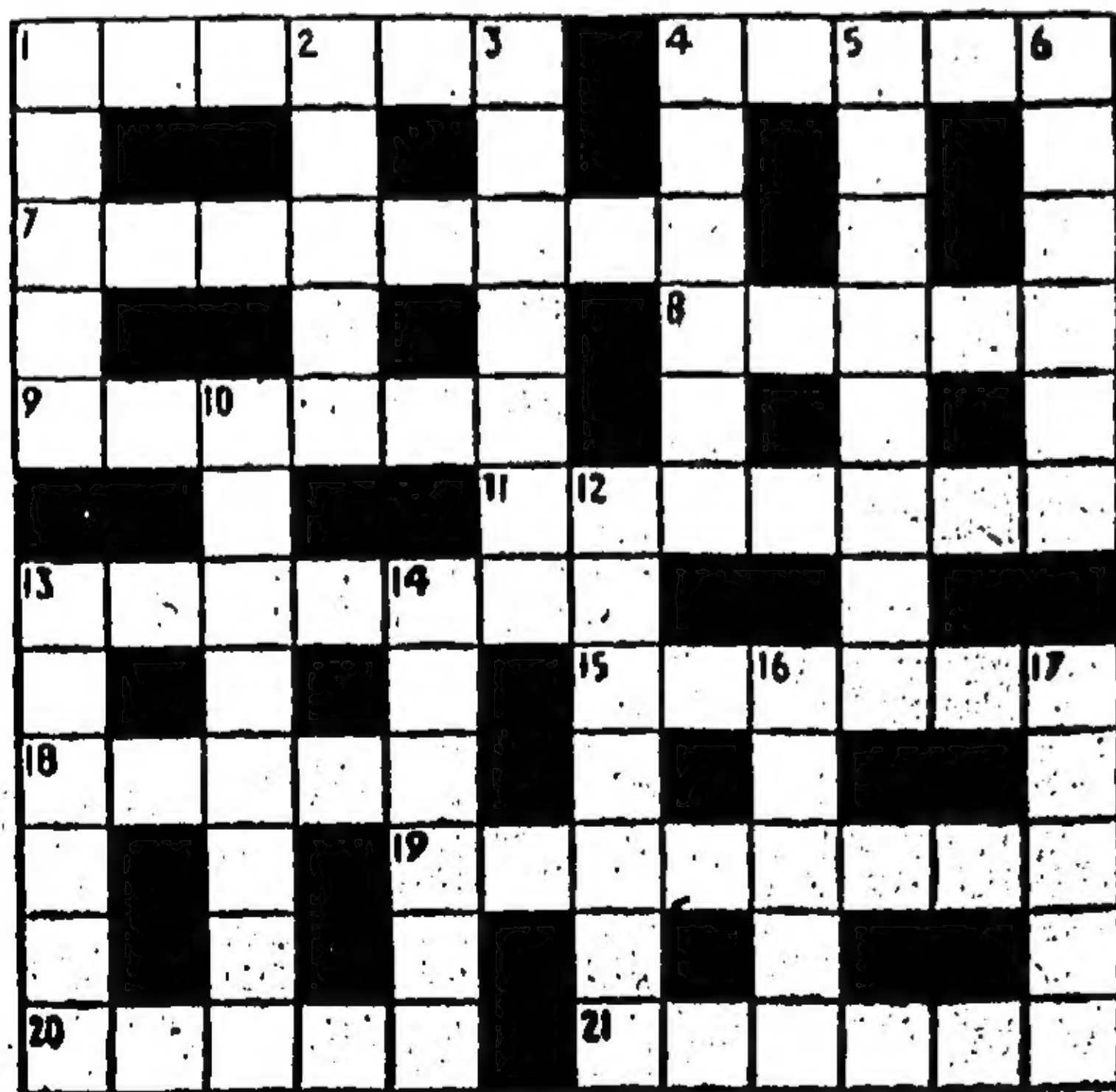
## Australia To Thoroughly Test Vaccine

New Delhi, Dec. 22.—Sir MacFarlane Burnet, the Australian virologist, said here today that Australia had decided to make the Salk "anti-polio" vaccine, but in view of the recent controversy over it, would issue the vaccine only after thorough tests.

Sir MacFarlane, director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Melbourne, and a world authority on virus diseases, told a press conference it was proposed to immunize Australian children with the Salk vaccine when they entered school at the age of five or six.

The problem of vaccinating infants had still to be solved but ultimately it would have to be overcome, he said. — China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Struggled for breath (6).
  - 4 Foundation (5).
  - 7 Adversary (8).
  - 8 Heavy blow (5).
  - 9 Extend (6).
  - 11 Bull (7).
  - 13 Preface (7).
  - 15 Believe (6).
  - 18 Concerning (5).
  - 19 Strove to equal (8).
  - 20 Birds (5).
  - 21 Make beloved (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Sheen (5).
  - 2 Liable (5).
  - 3 Feared (7).
  - 4 Combat (6).
  - 5 Placed (6).
  - 6 Dense (6).
  - 10 Oratory (8).
  - 12 Hermit (7).
  - 13 Calm (6).
  - 14 Expresses (6).
  - 16 Animal (5).
  - 17 Royal line (5).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Arms, 4 Respect, 6 Apex, 9 Epic, 10 Scrape, 11 Rate, 12 Tale, 14 Splendor, 17 Elude, 19 Scarp, 22 Tremble, 23 Reds, 27 Asia, 28 Sprouts, 29 Yain, 30 Ease, 31 Unready, 32 Nose, Down: 1 Appeal, 2 Sacred, 4 Heart, 6 Excel, 8 Plain, 7 Crepe, 12 Test, 13 Line, 15 Dire, 16 Rage, 18 Eaten, 20 Craven, 21 Admits, 22 Blame, 24 Woeful, 25 Easy.

## SEPARATE NATION RECOGNITION DEMAND EXPECTED

Paris, Dec. 22.

A move to demand recognition of Algeria as a separate nation was reported today from the troubled French North African territory, where new terrorism is casting a growing shadow over the French election campaign.

In the past three days, 52 people have been killed in a new wave of attacks by rebels who want to change Algeria's status as a province of France.

The French Governor-General there, M. Jacques Soustelle, is reported to have asked for another 60,000 troops to reinforce the 160,000 now stationed in Algeria.

The present French caretaker government in charge of the country until its successor is formed after polling on January second is believed to be embarrassed by the request.

### Unpopular Move

An unwritten convention prevents it as a temporary government from taking a major decision such as sending big reinforcements.

This also means recalling more conscripts—an unpopular move which would almost certainly damage the chances of the Government centre-right parties in the election.

The Prime Minister, M. Edgar Faure, decided last night to send out a small commission of inquiry to find exactly what is needed, but this is widely felt here to be a temporising measure designed to stave off any action until after the elections.

M. Jacques Duhamel, the Premier's chief personal assistant, will lead the inquiry. It was reported from Algiers today that the action committee of the "O1" group—Muslims elected to the Algerian Assembly or to local government bodies—had met and was expected to produce a resolution calling for recognition of "the Algerian nation."

Until lately, these men have usually represented those Algerian Muslims favouring continuation of existing Franco-Algerian relations, under which Algeria is ruled as a French province and all its inhabitants are French citizens.

### Have Refused

But under threats of death at the hands of the rebels, these public men are rapidly shifting their ground and going over to the attitude of the rebels, who want Algeria to be at least as independent as Morocco or Tunisia.

French governments have refused any concessions in this direction because Algeria is officially part of France. There are a million Frenchmen in the territory and handing over responsibility to the North African population would be even greater than it was in the case of French living in Morocco.

Meanwhile in Burgundy, there was a local success for M. Pierre Poujade, leader of the shopkeepers tax reform movement, which is putting up candidates for the French election.

### Due To Apathy

"Poujadist" candidates won most of the seats in elections for the Chamber of Commerce of Dijon and Beaune, in the heart of the Burgundy wine country.

It is said the successes were mostly due to apathy.

M. Poujade's adversaries concede that he will win a million votes which would embarrass a number of centre-right candidates.

The clear cut party battles formed by leaders in Paris—as between the Republican Front led by M. Pierre Mendes-France and the Union of Independents led by M. Antoine Pinay, Conservative Foreign Minister—are soon lost to view in the provincial constituencies, French journalists reported.

### Not Certain

They thought that in many cases, it would be difficult to say in the new Assembly who was for whom. This may, experts thought, be specially difficult in the case of the Radicals.

M. Mendes-France is a Radical and M. Faure, now one of his opponents, has been expelled from the party.

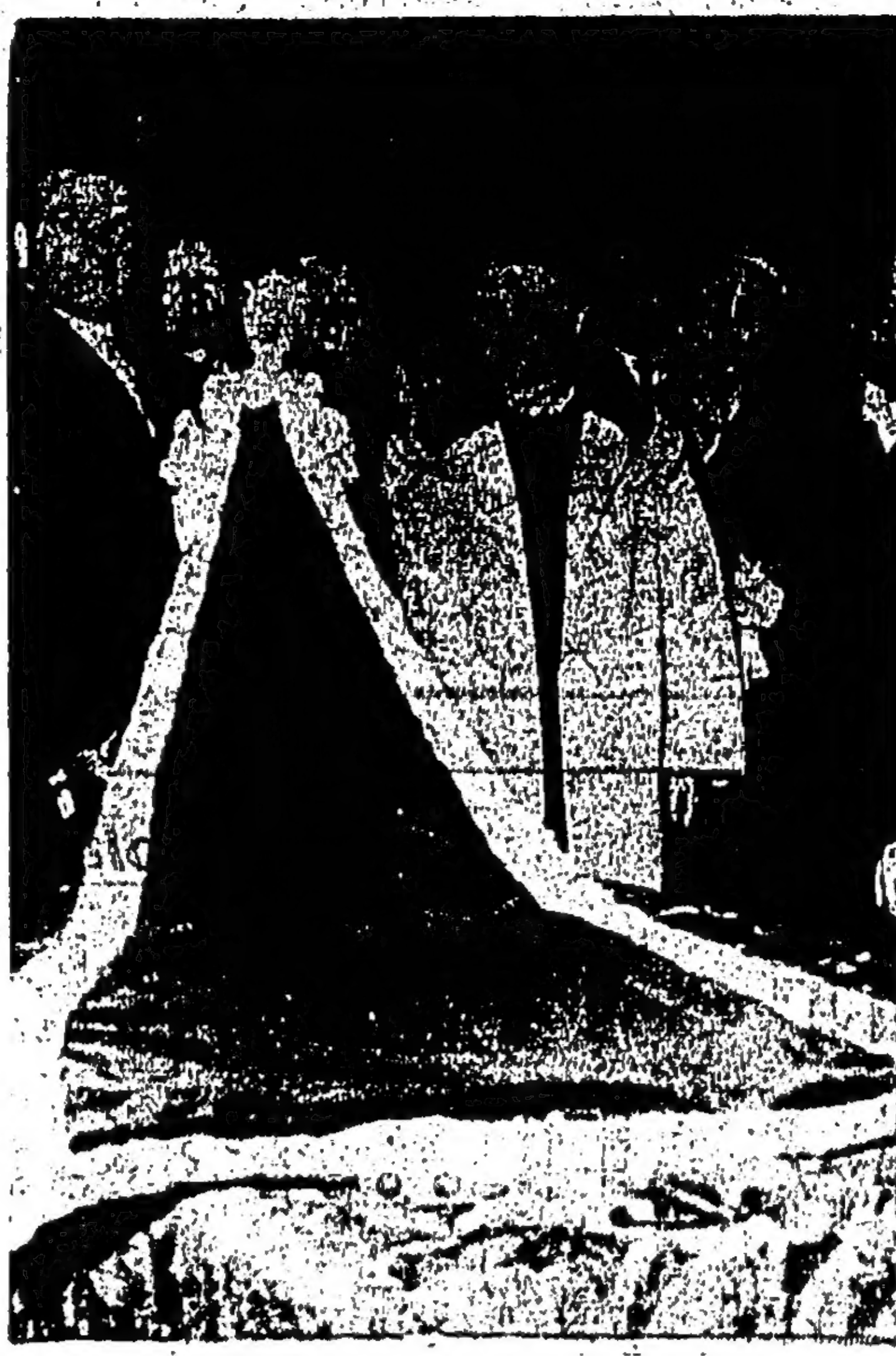
But once elected, it was said it would by no means be certain that members would follow in the Assembly, the leaders to whom they now claimed allegiance. — Reuters.

## US-German Atomic Pact

Washington, Dec. 22.—The West German Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Heinrich L. Kroger, was understood to have discussed the possibility of a bilateral atomic pact between the Federal Government and the United States, which he saw the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, today.

A well-informed source said the Bonn Government Minister for Atomic Affairs, Herr Franz Josef Strauss, was expected to arrive in Washington to sign the pact at the end of February.

The United States has bilateral atomic pacts with some 30 countries. — France-Press.



Donna Carla Gronchi, wife of Italy's president, Giovanni Gronchi, last Saturday inaugurated the world-famous Milan Doll Show, where a striking variety of dolls from many nations were on display. Picture shows Donna Gronchi admiring "Coronation of the Queen," a doll offered by the local British Consulate. — Express Photo.

## TOWNS EVACUATED Eight US Rivers On Rampage

San Francisco, Dec. 22.

Torrential rains driven by gale force winds struck northern California today, sending at least eight rivers on wild rampages and forcing evacuation of scores of towns.

The fresh rains, an extension of a storm that has continued almost without interruption for the past seven days, dumped more than 6½ inches on some mountain areas in 24 hours.

Reports of towns being evacuated poured in from throughout the northern half of the state. One of the hardest hit was Oroville on the Feather River where parts of the southern half of the city had to be evacuated. Homeless residents were given temporary refuge in the country court house.

Late reports said "several hundred" people had been evacuated in Butte County and 200 at a labour camp near Gridley.

The commander at Hamilton Air Force base in Marin County ordered "immediate evacuation" of all aircraft after flood waters moved on the field.

Hamilton said its planes would be flown to other bases for refuge, "any place in California or Nevada that has room for us."

The aircraft at Hamilton include jet fighters, B-29s and C-119s. "Everything's got to go," a base spokesman said. — United Press.

## Pakistan Not Isolated In South Asia

Washington, Dec. 22.

The impact on Pakistan of the recent Soviet diplomatic offensives in India and Afghanistan was discussed at length today during a talk between the Pakistan Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Mohammed Ali, and the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. George Allen.

Mr. Mohammed Ali, told newsmen that he did not feel that his country had been isolated by the recent Soviet moves in South Asia. "Why should we feel isolated, we have got good friends," he said.

He indicated that he had not specifically discussed with Mr. Allen the American offer of its good offices in the Pakistan-Afghanistan dispute.

Asked about the possibility of a plebiscite for Kashmir, the former Prime Minister expressed hope that such a plebiscite would take place in the future. — France-Press.

## New Engine For Test Comet III

Montreal, Dec. 22.—THE de Havilland Company has been asked to fly out a new engine from England for possible replacement on the Comet III jet airliner which was forced to turn back to Montreal last night, a de Havilland spokesman said here tonight.

The spokesman said the Comet would fly to de Havilland's Canadian plant at Toronto on three engines for a more thorough examination. The giant plane, which was on the homeward leg of a round-the-world test flight when it was forced to turn back, will not return home until after Christmas.

### Fuel Pipe Fault

The spokesman said today's checkup showed that a fitting on a fuel pipe had failed shortly after takeoff last night. This was due primarily to the extreme cold and a big change in temperature.

This caused the fire warning to flash on the plane's control board and though there was no fire or danger of one Group Captain John Cunningham turned back and landed after dumping 4,000 gallons of fuel.

"We have thought it best to have a new engine flown out from England in case it should prove necessary to make a replacement," the spokesman said. — Reuters.

## General Strike Called In Chile

Santiago, Dec. 12.

Chile's United Labour Central called today for a general strike in support of an outlawed strike by 14,000 copper miners now in its second week.

Labour Central announced that a membership vote on a general strike would be taken next Wednesday. It also demanded release of 33 copper strikers held for trial on charges of violating the law for the defence of democracy.

The office of the Controller-General of the Republic rejected in its present form a "copper workers' code" recently approved by Congress.

Workers at the huge American-owned mills at Chuquibambilla, Potosí and El Teniente went on strike in protest against the code, claiming it was contrary to their interests. — United Press.

### Rail Strike

Rome, Dec. 22.

The Communist-led Italian Railwaymen's Union tonight called a 24-hour strike for December 29 to support its claims for more pay.

Non-Communist railwaymen's unions refused to join the strike describing it as "inopportune at the present time." — Reuters.



### SHATIN HEIGHTS HOTEL

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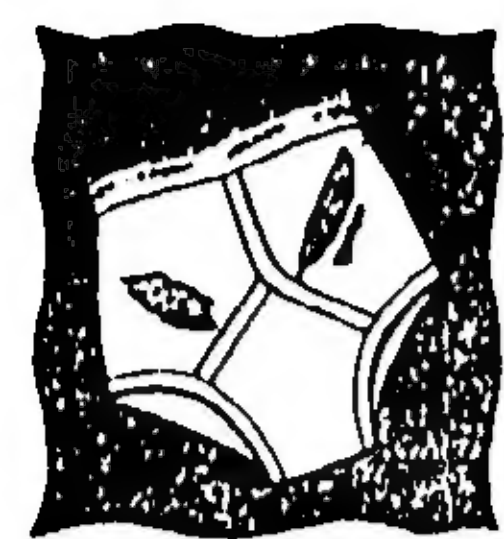




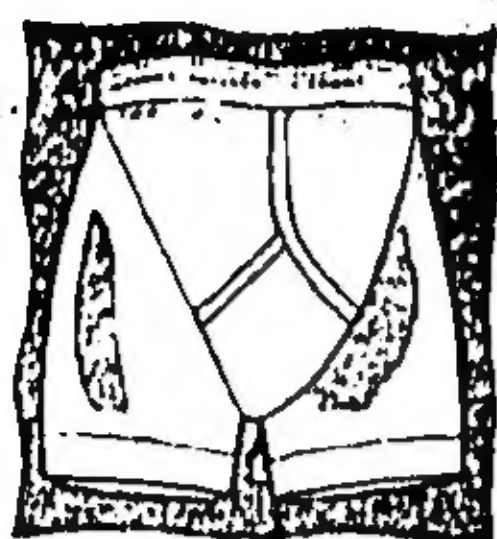


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## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

**FOURTH RACE MEETING**  
Tuesday 27th December, 1955 & Monday 2nd January, 1956  
(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 20 RACES

The First Race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race will run at 12.00 Noon on both days.

The Third interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. on both days.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years. Western Standard.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

### SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Enclosure.

### CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$20.00 each per day and \$40.00 for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 5, D'Aguilar Street during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 24th December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguilar Street and 382, Nathan Road during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on both days of the Meeting.

### SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 4th February 1956, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

### TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,  
A. E. ARNOLD,  
Secretary.

## THE JIMMY DIMMOCK STORY

# I Wept As We Took The Cup Home

As told by JIMMY DIMMOCK to JACK WOOD

The occasion was the FA Cup Final at Stamford Bridge between Tottenham Hotspur and Wolves in 1921. There was a crowd of 72,505, who paid the then record gate receipts of £13,414, and the star of it all was Jimmy Dimmock.

With one shot that hurtled low through the damp London air Dimmock became famous for all time. Yet, as he looks back to that April afternoon, Jimmy talks of the goal as "A little on the lucky side."

"It was raining hard, and as I made for goal I pushed the ball a bit too far ahead," he recalls. "It went straight to Woodward, the Wolves right-back; but he only half-cleared back to me."

"I ran forward a couple of yards and hit it. The ball never rose more than a foot, and I knew then that Wolves' six-foot goalkeeper, George, would never get across and down to it in time."

"I suppose it was my greatest moment. But all I felt at that moment was sorry for Woodward."

The ride back to White Hart Lane in the evening saw cheering crowds all the way for the last mile of the route to the ground. They yelled for "The Boy" as the coach crept forward, but Dimmock stayed in the middle of a bunch of players.

### THEIR OWN BOY

Let Jimmy Seed, now Charlton's manager, take up the story of the journey.

"There was no mistaking who the crowd wanted," says Seed. "Their own boy, the kid from the road just a little way from the ground, had taken the Cup to Tottenham."

"I was next to him. I think he cried throughout that wonderful trip. He was an emotional fellow, and the occasion was too much for him."

There was champagne and back-slapping in the boardroom.

### NOTICE

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

### Through Tickets

With effect from 19th December, 1955, the Rules for Cash Sweeps with reference to the above have been amended to read as follows, in so far as the range of numbers which can be booked as Through Tickets is concerned:-

"1. Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all Race Meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets."

Accordingly subscribers are informed that all reservations for Through Tickets over the numbers from 1 to 3,000 have been cancelled for further Race Meetings of the Club as from this date.

By Order of the Stewards,  
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Hong Kong, 19th Dec. 1955.

The West Ham girl who had become Mrs Jimmy Dimmock a year earlier stood proudly with the day's hero as directors and manager McWilliam spoke.

Dimmock had a slip of the champagne and asked for a Guinness. "The celebrations were warming up, when about eight o'clock I asked the wife if we could leave," says Dimmock.

"We left without saying good-night. I was too worked up to stay. I just couldn't believe that all this had happened to me. The crowds were outside the main entrance, and Alice and me slipped out through a side door."

Before the Stamford Bridge triumph Dimmock was capped against Scotland, but he did not have a good game, and no wonder.

His own manager, the great McWilliam, had written off to Scotland's right back, Jack Marshall, careful instructions on how to hold the left-wing menace.

### A SCOT FIRST

"Peter was a Scot first and my boss second," says Jimmy Dimmock. "He wanted to see me have a good game in my first international. But, even more, he wanted the Scots to win."

"It was years later that he told me of his letter to Marshall, and of his suggestion that it would be fatal to rush into the tackle against me."

"Marshall held off as I moved forward, and I wasn't used to this sort of thing. It upset me. But I reckon I saw that day the greatest left-wing partnership of all time."

"What a contrast they made, too. Andy Cunningham at inside left, and well over six feet tall, with a powerful right wing, and I, a small, wiry, and without ever letting the ball leave the ground."

In 1952 Spurs toured Switzerland. The lovable, likable youngster was now famous, and he got his first glimpse of life on the grand Continental scene.

### I WAS 'DEE-MOCK'

The team made its base in one of Zurich's best hotels. "Wherever the players went the cry went up for 'Dee-mock'!" Says Brighton manager, Bill Lauer: "I heard the cry so often that I began to call him 'Dee-mock' myself."

There was a demon inside Dimmock that made him do impetuous things, both on and off the field.

There was the time against Preston North End when he took the ball past four defenders before taking it right up to Mitchell, the bespectacled Preston goalkeeper.

"I showed him the ball and he dived. Just as his hands clutched for it I stroked it round him and walked the ball a yard over the line."

"Then I picked it up and handed it back. Mitchell was furious. But what he said was nothing compared to the Boss's talk later."

### NEXT ARTICLE: Dimmock leaves Spurs

### CCC Tennis Final

Mrs Marie Ramchand, Recreation Club champion, defeated Miss Diana Madgett, the Ladies' Recreation Club champion 3-0, 6-1, 6-2, to snare the ladies' singles championship of the Craigengower Cricket Club at the CCC yesterday.

## Fred's World

By HENRY LONGHURST

The idea of playing the last three rounds of the amateur Championship over 36 holes is clearly one on which a great many people hold forcible views.

These have been represented in a volume of correspondence, for which I am sincerely grateful, and when it has been inwardly digested, we will return to the topic. In the meantime I am happy to report that in innumerable golfing households the problem of what to give father for Christmas has been conveniently solved by Mr Bernard Darwin.

A now book from this revered source represents to the compiler a rare and refreshing event. It is, in fact, that most of us regard ourselves to a chapter a day. The present one, "The World That Fred Made," is certainly no exception.

From first to last it is vintage Darwin. The title comes from these far-off days of devoted family servants in whose omnipotence and omniscience we believed when young and in which the young, when circumstance offers, are still ready to believe today, as witness Mr Darwin's youthful nephew, who was a fair striver with half-pay officers. "Perhaps Pembroke was in an exception."

### ALL SCOTSMEN

If the professionals were all Scotsmen, the amateurs, so it seemed, were all Colonels, especially at Eastbourne, where Peter Paxton, in a moment of exasperation with the committee, observed, "The fact is, sir, the place fair strivers with half-pay officers." Perhaps Pembroke was in an exception.

Here there was the tale of the member in the clubhouse preparing for departure and being asked by a friend why he was leaving. "Eton masters coming down next week," was the gloomy reply.

In the eighties there were only two notable books on golf—Sir Walter Simpson's "The Art of Golf" and the Badminton volume edited by Horace Hutchinson, whose personal presentation copy to me by her and remains my most treasured golfing possession.

Nor had the art of reporting developed in the light on which some of us like to look on it today. I recall, particularly, as does Mr Darwin, the sentence describing John Ball's victory on the Open of 1890 "when he reached the 14th hole it transpired that he had only to negotiate the four remaining holes in twenty to win."

It was at once mended, and continued to give good service—a fact which put me in mind of the occasion when, after nearly 70 years of progress, a Walker Cup player broke his club in America, and no one in the pro's shop, which resembled a Bond Street showroom, could put a new shaft in. It had to go back to the manufacturers.

These 70 years cover the whole period of what may be called modern golf. They began in times when golfers were a band of brothers, apart from other human-kind, "an elect and almost persecuted body, assembling in secret places to practise obscure non-conformist rites and in many cases wearing red caps... as to the ladies, the question of what they wore did not arise: for there weren't any."

When Bernard Darwin had already been playing for five years, there were only 87 clubs in England. The Scottish professionals had only just begun to come adventuring over the Border, and most of them had other professions as well. Roland was a stonemason, David Brown a slater, and Jack Burns (this was the one, surely, who, after winning the Open

### IN SOLITUDE

"It is only in solitude and preferably in the dusk, when the lights begin to glimmer in the surrounding houses, that practice is truly heavenly... I must be one of the few people in the world who have practised iron shots in the pitch dark in the garden of the Inner Temple... The benches never found me out, and today they will, I am sure, forgive me."

Perhaps, as we leave this much-loved figure looking back on 70 years of golfing happiness, we may be permitted a final quotation:

"It is soothing to reflect that you need never be cross any more, never suffer on the green from that dread disease familiarly called the 'stagger', nor see the ball shoot away towards cover-point off the socket of the mallet."

"No fatal shot, no insidious bad piece of judgment will haunt your pillow, while your undeviating conqueror goes on to the semi-final, where you ought to have been."

"The committee will never again wantonly insult you by putting up your handicaps, and you will not be kicked out of the team in favour of one who has a recommendation in that he has won a bogey competition at Ploeghelme."

## LAST NIGHT'S BOXING

# Cpl Cooper Collects Two Black Eyes And A Title At Sek Kong

By Our Boxing Reporter

An enthusiastic audience of almost 1,000 thronged the ringside at the Sek Kong Swimming Pool yesterday for the finals of the Land Forces Novices Individual Boxing Championships of 1955.

This was novice boxing at its very best and the commendable and spirited performances of the boxers was on a par with the excellent arrangements made for the occasion.

Everything went off without a hitch and when Colonel N. D. Leslie, O.B.E., the Chief of Staff, stepped up to present the prizes after each bout, he did so to the accompaniment of generous applause for winners and losers alike.

Here is a brief report on each of the bouts:

**Bantamweight.** Bdr Carrington (42 Fd Regt) beat Gnr McCormack (74 LAA Regt) on points. This was a quiet opening bout with both men showing a little too much respect for his opponent. However, there were intermittent spells of furious activity and in the end Carrington just merited his victory.

**Featherweight.** Cpl Hartman (74 LAA Regt) beat L/Cpl Ward (33 Gen Hosp) on a TKO in the third round. This was a good lively scrap from the first bell. Hartman soon over to the attack immediately and generally held the upper hand. The struggle was never un-sided but after Ward had been down twice in the third round the referee very wisely stopped the bout.

### TOO STRONG

**Lightweight.** Bdr Dwyer (74 LAA Regt) beat Gnr Evans (14 Fd Regt) on points. Dwyer was just too strong and too aggressive for a very game opponent. Evans was down for 'nine' in the first round but he made a quick recovery and had a particularly good last round without quite being able to catch up on the points he had lost earlier on.

**Light-Wellweight.** Gnr Hills (42 Fd Regt) beat Gnr Platts (14 Fd Regt) on a KO in the third round. Platts deserves a great deal of sympathy for his plucky performance in this bout. He was always the more aggressive and was ahead on points when the bout came to an end in the third round.

Platts had a recurrence of shoulder pain, but that did not deter him throughout the competition, and realising that

### BADMINTON

**Malayan Pair Will Defend Doubles Titles**

Penang, Dec. 22.—The Malayan Thomas Cup badminton player, Ooi Teik-hock, said today he had decided to defend his doubles title with Ong Poh-lin in the Glasgow International Tournament and All-England Championships in March.

Earlier Ooi had declined an invitation from the Scottish Badminton Association to compete in the Glasgow Tournament, but he changed his mind after receiving an appeal from the Association to reconsider his decision.

The Scottish Association has promised to pay his return passage to Glasgow and the English Badminton Association has offered to pay the fares of both Ooi and Poh-lin from Glasgow to Preston for the All-England Championships. —Reuter.

## HKCC Eleven To Play Army

The following team has been selected to represent HKCC v The Army in the Triangular Tournament on Tuesday, December 27, at Chater Road commencing at 10.30 a.m.—T. A. Pearce, F. A. Weller, R. M. MacPherson, T. N. Leigh-Bennett, G. H. P. Pritchard, C. J. B. Leader, I. D. Kilgour, I. L. Stanton, G. T. Rowe, H. H. Finlay, A. J. Harvey.

## Malayan Indian Sportsmen Fated

The Malayan Indian sportsmen were the guests at a cocktail party given by Mr and Mrs F. T. Mawani at their residence yesterday.

Among those present were the Commissioner for India, Mr B. P. Adair, and Capt. G. Doggett, President of the Hong Kong Hockey Association.

he could not go on, took the full count while kneeling in the ring. A most unfortunate end to an excellent bout.

**Welterweight.** Gnr McLoish (14 Fd Regt) beat L/Bdr Hunt (Mov Lt Tp) on points. This was a grand scrap in which the fortunes swung first to one man and then to the other. McLoish was down for a long count in the first round but made a good recovery and had his opponent in trouble and on the canvas for 'six' in the final round.

**Light-Middleweight.** Gnr Horwood (Mov Lt Tp) beat L/Cpl Brown (N Staffs) on a TKO in the first round. The final result was a tragedy for Brown who was by far the better boxer. He set up an incessant attack from the start and how Horwood absorbed the punishment and played on his feet was a mystery.

Just when it looked as though Brown must score a quick victory he sustained a badly cut eye and the referee had no option but to stop the bout and award the verdict to Horwood.

### A BIG BATTLE

**Middleweight.** Cpl Cooper (N Staffs) beat Gnr Walker (HAA Regt) on a KO in the third round. This was, as expected, the big battle of the afternoon, and with both men giving all they had it was a real "ding-dong" affair.

Punches were thrown from all angles but Walker simply could not last the pace and was eventually counted out in the third round. The contrast in the two men at the end was interesting. Walker, the boxer, was completely unmarked, while the triumphant Cooper sported two lovely black eyes... but a big winning smile.

**Light-Heavyweight.** Pte Johnson (N Staffs) beat Gnr Thomas (HAA Regt) on a KO in the first round. Johnson looked a good boxer from the start but Thomas offered spirited resistance until put down and out.

**Heavyweight.** 2/Lt Collett (74 LAA Regt) beat Pte Yates (N Staffs) on a KO in the first round. Collett, a big strong boxer, carried too many guns for a plucky opponent and knocked him out after only 61 seconds of the first round. With the Colonials' championship just ahead it was disappointing to hear that Lieut Collett leaves Hongkong on January 6.

The show was a credit to all concerned with its organisation and the big crowd well rewarded with novice boxing in the very best traditions of the game.

### BADMINTON

## CCC Capture Their Fourth Title

Craigengower Cricket Club won their fourth title of the League season last night when they beat Chinese Y.M.C.A. by six matches to three in the final play-off of the Men's B Division.

Results: (CCC players first)  
Singles Wong Wai-hung beat W. C. Chan 24-23 beat P. Y. Sheen 21-17; George Ma lost to W. C. Chan 15-21 beat P. Y. Sheen 21-13; Robert Yung lost to P. N. Ho 22-24.

Doubles: Wong Wai-hung and George Ma beat W. C. Chan and B. K. Lui 21-31 beat P. Y. Sheen and Y. T. Hon 21-11; Manfred Kan and Z. A. Abbas beat W. C. Chan and B. K. Lui 21-10, lost to P. Y. Sheen and Y. T. Hon 18-21.

## Unusual But Not Unique

George Fann, Blackpool's goalkeeper, noted against Preston when he was injured and on the wing. This was not a unique League feat. Ian Black, of Fulham, has done it, and so too Frank Biles, when with Arsenal; Harold Pearson of West Bromwich; Abdo and George Southwood, of Bradford; George Bon and Scattergood, however, were their teams' regular penalty-takers.

## THE GAMBOLS



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**Miguel** The wreck commissioner, Mr. K. S. Carpinel, said his three assistants were unanimous that the loss "was not caused or contributed to by the wrongful act or default of any person."



## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

SHARES AGAIN  
Good Rises By Utilities  
TURNOVER UP EIGHT LAKHS

By A Special Correspondent

Share prices continued their recovery this week and rises of up to 4½ per cent were recorded.

Turnover was up—\$3.8 million this week against just over \$3 million the previous week and \$3.4 million the week before that.

The adjoining panel shows that all seventeen shares are marked up with Banks, Electrics, Cements, Providents, Dairy Farms, Trams, Lights and Telephones showing good gains.

★ The Share Market  
At A Glance ★

Share	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22	Up or down
HK Bank	1665	1680	1690	1725	+45
Unions	915	915m	915b	930	+15
HK Wharf	72	71a	69	70	+1
Wheelocks	8.30xd	8.15	8.15	8.35	+20c
Providents	14.50	14.50	14.70	15.30b	+60c
HK Docks	27.80	29.70	29.80	29.40	-40c
Hotel	17.10	17.20	17.40	17.50	+10c
Land	17.10	17.20	17.40	17.50	+10c
Trams	22.60	22.30	22.80	23.60	+80c
Yau Ma Tei	102	102	101	102	+1
Lights (a)	22.20	21.40xd	21.70	22.50	+80c
(n)	10.40	10mxd	16	16.80	+80c
Electric	39½	39½	39½	41½	+1½
Telephone	31½	32	32½	33	+15c
Cement	33½	34	34½	35	+15c
Dairy Farm	18½	18.30	18½	19.20	+70c
Yangtze	6.80n	6½	6.35b	6.80b	+25c

TODAY'S  
SHARE  
PRICES

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$280,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS HK Bank 1730 10 @ 1740

INSURANCES Union 532½ 500 @ 535

Lombard 54 500 @ 55

SHIPPING Waterboat 23.30

DOCKS, ETC. K. Wharf 29.40 20½ 500 @ 29.40

Provident (Old) 15.40 10.00 1000 @ 15.50

Wharves (Old) 15.40 10.00 1000 @ 15.50

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INDUSTRIALS Cement 36 35½

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Oil Exploration  
Costs Big Money

London, Dec. 22.

Nearly thirty different companies are today seeking to explore Guatemala for oil.

Any moment now, the companies granted permission by the government there will begin a search likely to cost up to £10 million before it ends.

Far the most promising area, the Province of Peten on the country's northern flank, is also the most difficult to explore. It is barren even of roads.

unexplored until the oil company's geologists forced their way in.

Road building to the drilling site was delayed time after time because the local peoples, providing the labour, dreaded the poisonous snakes and dangerous animals.

The same company, apart from its setbacks in Costa Rica, has met some big disappointments this year in a South American country, Peru.

Seven 'Dry Holes'

It has drilled no less than seven 'dry holes' in the coastal area there. Despite that it has now taken out exploration permits covering a million hectares in eastern Peru—and also retained some of its coastal concessions.

Just this type of search gives an idea of the costs of oil exploration—as well as the patience needed. — London Express Service.

Another oil company deeply committed in a third Central American country, Costa Rica, could certainly do with some encouragement too. It has drilled several 'dry holes' there this year, and is now about to start on the toughest 'wildcat' exploration yet.

The selected site lies in the midst of the Cocos jungle belt, a territory so wild and difficult to penetrate that it was

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WORLD  
RUBBER  
MARKETS

New York, Dec. 22. Rubber futures today closed 5 to 70 points higher with sales of 425 contracts.

Higher trend reflected the action at primary markets and speculative covering before the holidays.

Dealer switching operations included exchanges of May/ March at 340 points, July/May at 190 points and Sept/May at 35½ and 356 points. In addition, 50 March contracts were exchanged for physical rubber.

Small sales in the spot market included three sheets for Dec at 46 cents and three others for March at 35 cents a pound landed. Spot No. 1 Rs were quoted nominally 47½ cents. Futures:

March	44.70-75
May	42.15-20
July	40.20
September	38.45
December	36.80

## SINGAPORE

The market was steady with good demand for lower grades. Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb	129½-129½
February	128-128½
March	127½-127½
No. 2 rubber per lb Jan	124½-124½
No. 3 rubber per lb Jan	124½-124½
No. 4 rubber per lb Jan	124½-124½
Spot rubber unloaded	127½-127½
Blanket cargo	99-101
No. 1 pale crepe	139½-140½

## LONDON

The market was very steady with spot quoted at 37½ pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Has spot	37½-38
Settlement house term	37½-37½
Feb	37½-37½
Mar	37½-37½
Apr/June	35½-35½
July/Sept	35½-35½
Oct/Dec	35½-35½
General markets, oil basis, ports	37-37½
Jan	37-37½
Feb	36½-37
Estate crepe all unquoted	

## AMSTERDAM

The market was easy. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif Jan. as follows:

No. 1 rubber	3.59 buyers
No. 2 rubber	3.57 buyers
No. 3 rubber	3.43 buyers
No. 1 crepe	3.73 buyers

—United Press.

New York Sugar  
Market

New York, Dec. 22. World No. 4 sugar futures closed unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 155 contracts.

Firmness in world contracts reflected the situation in raws, where large-scale purchases by foreign countries were reported. Hungary was the accredited buyer of 20,000 tons of Cuban, while dealers awaited confirmation of reported sales of 50,000 tons to Ceylon.

Yesterday, a British refiner reportedly bought a bulk cargo of Cuban for Feb. shipment at 3.15 cents a pound, while France bought 1,000 tons at 3.17 cents. Switzerland was reported interested in 5,000 tons for June shipment.

Cuban sales against its 1955 world quota are estimated in excess of 700,000 tons so far. The largest part of the total included 200,000 tons recently sold to a British refiner and 200,000 tons to Russia. Futures:

Contract No. 4 (world)	2.80
March	2.10
May	2.10
July	2.10
Sept	2.10
Dec	2.10
Spot (cents per lb. feb)	2.10
Contract No. 6	2.10
March	2.10
May	2.10
July	2.10
Sept	2.10
Dec	2.10
Spot (cents per lb. feb)	2.10

—United Press.

## Slight profit-taking on Tuesday and some hesitancy on Wednesday caused a temporary setback.

And at the close prices were fractionally below the week's highest levels, but the under-tone was steady to firm. The market's behaviour this week seems to justify the optimism in certain House Street offices last week. I have heard reports that the money position is easier although, if this is so, it does not appear to have brought much new business to the share market.

## Big Investors Wary

The present market trend is very similar to that of last December. With more dividend to come this recovery can be expected to continue early into the new year although it is difficult to predict its future course. Big investors are still keeping their market at arms' length. The recent credit restrictions are

the inhibiting factor, brokers say.

So the prospects are that this recovery will be very gradual.

Yau Ma Tei took a downward plunge this week—from \$105 to \$102, though they are a dollar up on the week—on the news that a "Departmental working party" is now making a detailed examination of the harbour tunnel project "in all its aspects."

Star Ferry shares were not affected. There was a sale yesterday at \$130 which is steady on last Thursday's buyer's quote.

## Banks Climb Higher

The ferry companies cannot be expected to be very happy about this news. They have asked for some definite indication of the Government's intentions before proceeding with development plans, but this week's announcement means that they will be no answer for at least two more months.

In this event it is hard to expect spectacular movements by the ferry company shares.

Banks, with scrip more scarce than of late, climbed 4½ to \$17.35. Unions, another "gilt" moved up \$15 to \$930.

In the wharves and docks section, China Providents put up easily the best performance with a 60 cents jump to \$15.30. Yesterday there were no dealings with sellers holding out for 30 cents more.

## Wharves and Docks made smaller advances.

Utilities Popular

Following last week's annual meeting, Wheelocks moved up 20 cents on the week to \$8.35 with one or two big buyers in the market. At one stage they were \$8.45.

Lands recorded a sharp rise to \$83½ on Monday (up from \$80½ last Thursday) but eased back to \$82 at the close. Hotels on the plus side, and Shell made 2½ gain. Others managed gains of about a shilling.

Foreign bonds were dull and virtually unchanged.

Copper shares remained quiet and a bit on the uncertain side, while gold shares improved on new buying support.

Dollar stocks scored advances ranging up \$3 in adjusting to higher Wall Street levels.

British Government stocks were firm and closed with a few fractional gains.—United Press.

MARKET  
HOLIDAYS

London, Dec. 22.

Christmas and New Year holidays.

FRIDAY, December 23: The London commodity markets will close after the morning session, while the New York Commodity Exchange, including metals, rubber and hides, will close by noon (Eastern Standard Time).



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He served six years in the Army before putting his half-acquired skills to work as an industrial chemist. Then he tired of that profession; or it tired of him.

He became first a clerk and then went in for hotel management.

"What do you want to say?" the magistrate, Mr K. Barraclough, asked Bertram.

"Nothing, sir," he answered.

"I shall have to send you to Sessions for sentence," the magistrate said.

"Quite, sir," Bertram said, although the decision were partly his and he entirely agreed with it.

"This way," said the gaoler, showing Bertram out. And Bertram slipped from the court, inconspicuous, melting away as a good hotel man does when his presence is no longer required.

Dr Teng Pin-hui has been appointed Assistant Director of Health Services. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Other appointments gazetted were: Mr E. A. L. Cushion to be Structural Engineer; Mr J. S. Hirst to be Architect; Mr R. A. Coutts to be Building Surveyor; Mr G. R. Pickett to be Acting Assistant Commissioner of Prisons; Mr A. J. Jilott (retired); Mr R. C. Clarke to be Acting Assistant Superintendent of Crown Lands, during the absence of Mr Richardson; Mr D. H. Small to be Acting Dental Specialist, during the absence of Mr Allwright; Miss M. M. Graham to be a school mistress.

It was also announced that Mr J. Lumsburgh has resumed his duties as Superintendent of Prisons on return from leave, vice Mr R. S. Rosen (Chief Officer). Mr M. Morley-John has resumed his duties as Crown Counsel on return from leave.

Police Constable (Special) George MacDonald Goldsack has been promoted to the rank of Senior Superintendent of Police in the Special Constabulary. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.



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**Opposing an appeal for reduction of sentence Crown Counsel, Mr Bodilly, told the Full Court this morning, that the appellant was convicted of possession of "100 years' supply of heroin."**

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence sent at G.P.O. floating rates. The latest G.P.O. times at all-where which are the earlier of those at G.P.O. times can be certain by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times for unregistered articles regarding parcel mails sent by air.

**CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS**

On Monday, December 23, all post offices will be closed to public business. There will be no delivery of mail commencing at 10 a.m.

On Monday, December 24, the post offices at G.P.O. & C.P.O. Kowloon will open for public business from 9 a.m. to Noon and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Shuang Wan Post Office will open from 9 a.m. to Noon and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for sale of postage stamps only. All other Branch Offices will be closed.

The box lobbies at G.P.O. & C.P.O. Kowloon will open from 9 a.m. to Noon and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. from 9 a.m. to Noon and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. On Monday but there will be one general delivery commencing at 10 a.m. The delivery of mail from pillar boxes on Tuesday.

During a ten-day period ended yesterday, nearly three million items had been cleared from posting boxes or handed in over post office counters. This surpasses the record set up last year when in 10 days from December 14 to the 23rd, over 2,400,000 items were posted in the Colony.

The major portion of this year's postings was made between the 18th and the 22nd and presented the Post Office with one of the most difficult problems it has so far had to face, especially when it is remembered that each item has to be handled twice before it is despatched or delivered.

Mr L. C. Saville, the Postmaster General, said that the further growth of Christmas traffic has shown there is no falling off in the desire of the people of Hongkong to send messages and goods to their relatives and friends both here and overseas.

The magnitude of traffic which has had to be handled each day can be judged from the figures quoted but even more so when it is realised that these do not include the inward letter and parcel mails which arrive daily by air, sea and rail from other parts of the world. The mail was despatched in 1,723 bags during the relative period.

During the ten day period ending December 22, a total of 1,331 bags of air mail, 7,357 bags of surface letter mail have been received containing items for local delivery and in transit to other parts of the world.

"These are occasions when the rewards of reorganization and training are seen and, although the Christmas pressure is not yet over, I am proud of my staff and the work they have carried out this Christmas time," said the Postmaster General.

the same time 3,450 bags of parcel mail for Hongkong containing some 15,000 parcels for local delivery have been handled.

A European, Frederick Cyril Goodman, 49, pleaded guilty to 10 charges of obtaining goods, totalling \$6,001.05 and money totalling \$5,000 by false pretences before the Magistrate, Mr K. A. S. Phillips at Kowloon Court this morning.

Sentences on defendant was deferred to January 4, 1958 when two other people who are charged with similar offences will be tried before Court.

According to DST P. H. Walker of the CID Yaumati, prosecuting, stated that on November 16, Mr P. J. Hanley, agent for Gammon (Malaya) Limited in Hongkong reported to the Police that a European named Frederick Cyril Goodman had obtained a quantity of rice and cooking oil valued at \$8,001.05 from the Dak Hing Lung rice shop at 26 Fa Yuen Street, ground floor, by stating that he was employed by and acted on behalf of Gammon Limited.

The Postmen's task is always an unenviable one at Christmas time and it is necessary for them to be on duty from early morning until late at night. Even when they return from duty they have to start to prepare their deliveries for the next morning so that they can get out on time. It is necessary to be back in time to be able to complete their second delivery.

Practically, every house has to be called at during the Christmas week but despite their heavy loads they have worked hard and cheerfully and will have well earned their rest on Monday, December 26, the only day over the Christmas period that there will be no delivery.

Arrangements for Christmas have to be put in hand as early as July, as it is necessary to write to a number of countries regarding dates by which they require the Christmas mail. Investigation also has to be made as to what shipping is likely to be available and whether it is suitable for the carriage of large Christmas mails, whilst the air companies have to be consulted as to their winter schedules and for the reservation of space for the mails. The senior staff of the Post Office hold frequent meetings to discuss problems which arise in the previous year and formulate plans to overcome them.

H.E. the Governor, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has appointed Monsieur H. de Romero de Vicherey as Consul General for Belgium at Hong-kong, it was announced in the Government Gazette today. This recognition is provisional and pending the issue of Her Majesty's Exequatur.

Formal recognition has been accorded to Dr. Giuliano Berticelli by H.E. the Governor as the Vice-Consul for Italy at Hongkong, it was announced.

Mr. G. D. Smart has been appointed by H.E. the Governor to be a member of the Town Planning Board, vice Professor R. Gordon Brown (resigned), it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Mr. J. E. March has been appointed a member of the Authorized Architects Consulting Committee, vice Professor R. Gordon Brown (resigned).

The Full Court yesterday dismissed an appeal brought by Lam Man-chee, 22, fish-stall fohki, who was sentenced to death by Mr. Justice J. Wicks in the September Criminal Sessions for the murder of another fohki.

The deceased, Wong Hung, was found with a chopper wound in the head in Shaau-man market on the morning of May 19.

Lam, who was represented by Mr. Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr. M. G. Laing, appeared against the conviction last week. The Full Court, comprising the Chief Justice, Mr. J. H. Hogan and Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg, in a written opinion this morning found that the trial judge's summation as a whole could be taken as a fair and balanced presentation of the evidence to which the jury should have given weight. Their minds and that they were satisfied that the summation made clear to the jury that they were not entitled to find he "occurred guilty unless the evidence had convinced them of his guilt. The court said the facts alleged in the charge actually happened.

9. Time Signal and Programme  
 Summary: 6.05. Stock Market  
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 presented by (Studio) 6.10. 30.  
 •Popularity Poll presented by Jess.  
 Predict the Three Top Tunes of the  
 Year. (Studio) 6.15. 30.  
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 Summary: 7.05. 30.  
 Community: 7.05. 30.  
 Special Announcements: 8.15. 30.  
 Half Hour presented by Robert  
 Jones. 8.15. 30.  
 News in a "Christmas Carol". A  
 Radio Version of the story by  
 Charles Dickens. 8.15. 30.  
 •Cleveland Film (BBCFS): 8.15. 30.  
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